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GOV. EASLEY ISSUES PROCLAMATION CONVENING EXTRA SESSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today issued the official proclamation convening an extra session to take action on specific economic development issues. Following Easley's call, the legislature will convene on Tuesday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m. Easley notified legislators last Wednesday of his intent to call them back for a one-day session.

"The clock is ticking on several high-impact economic development projects," said Easley. "Immediate action is needed on specific issues. Delay, at this point, could risk jobs for our state. It is critical that the legislature stay focused on these specific measures to ensure that we do not lose this opportunity. Consideration of other issues must wait for a more appropriate time."

The text of Easley's proclamation follows:

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by Article III, Section 5(7) of the Constitution of North Carolina, and by and with the advice of the Council of State, the General Assembly shall convene for an extra session on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. regarding the economic development incentives that businesses in current discussions with the Governor have indicated are necessary to make their decisions before the General Assembly regularly convenes on May 10, 2004 to locate large-scale projects in North Carolina. These incentives are limited to those projects that would provide the state with significant jobs and investment in the key industrial sectors of pharmaceutical and medicinal product manufacturing; bioprocessing; and tobacco manufacturing.

Done in Raleigh, North Carolina on December 8, 2003.

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